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SUBJ: HEAVY BOMBER DEFINITION (ART. 88.3) (SALT TWO-1226)

1. U.S. POSITION IS THAT HEAVY BOMBER TYPE AIRCRAFT, HOWEVER CONFIGURED, SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE 2400 AGGREGATE. TECHNICAL INFORMATION HAS BEEN REPEATEDLY REQUESTED FROM SOVIETS TO SUBSTANTIATE THEIR CLAIM THAT SOME CURRENT SOVIET HEAVY BOMBER TYPE AIRCRAFT WHICH ARE USED IN OTHER THAN THE BOMBER ROLE ARE DISTINGUISHABLE FROM HEAVY BOMBERS AND CANNOT, AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, BE ADAPTED TO BE USED AS HEAVY BOMBERS.
2. SOVIETS HAVE NOT PROVIDED SUCH INFORMATION. ON JUNE 3 AND 14, 1977, SOVIETS STATED THEY HAVE NO INTENTION OF CONVERTING CURRENT TANKER, RECONNAISSANCE OR ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE AIRCRAFT INTO HEAVY BOMBERS, AND THEY HAVE INDICATED INFORMALLY THAT THIS INTENTION COULD BE MADE INTO AN OBLIGATION. THIS SUGGESTION WOULD NOT

RESOLVE ISSUE BUT DOES PROVIDE OPENING FOR POSSIBLE RESOLUTION.

3. SOVIET POSITION THAT "HEAVY BOMBER VARIANTS" SHOULD BE EXEMPT FROM 2400 AGGREGATE COULD BE ACCOMMODATED IF
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SOVIETS WOULD AGREE TO DO ALL OF FOLLOWING:

A. SPECIFY THE NUMBERS OF CURRENT SOVIET BEAR AND BISON TANKER, RECONNAISSANCE, AND ASW AIRCRAFT WHICH WOULD BE EXEMPT FROM 2400 AGGREGATE (WE WOULD ALSO WANT NUMBER WHICH WOULD BE INCLUDED IN 2400 AS PART OF AGREED DATA BASE).

B. UNDERTAKE OBLIGATION NOT TO CONVERT INTO HEAVY BOMBERS, AIRCRAFT DESIGNATED IN 3.A, ABOVE, AND NOT TO CONVERT ANY BISON OR BEAR HEAVY BOMBERS INTO "VARIANTS."

C. UNDERTAKE AGGRNGEMENTS, SUCH ARRANGEMENTS TO BE PROPOSED BY THE SOVIETS, WHICH WOULD ENABLE U.S. TO BE ASSURED IN A VERIFIABLE MANNER THAT NONE OF THESE AIRCRAFT IS DUAL-CAPABLE OR READILY ADAPTABLE TO HEAVY BOMBER ROLE.

D. AGREE THAT ALL HEAVY BOMBER TYPE AIRCRAFT PRODUCED IN FUTURE, HOWEVER CONFIGURED, WILL COUNT IN AGGREGATE.

4. PROBLEMS OF POSSIBLE VETO TO DESIGNATION OF FUTURE HEAVY BOMBER TYPE AIRCRAFT AND APPLICATION OF "HOWEVER CONFIGURED" TO WIDE-BODY AIRCRAFT WOULD STILL EXIST.

5. SUBJECT TO WASHINGTON COMMENT, DELEGATION PLANS TO EXPLORE COURSE OUTLINED ABOVE.
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